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TO : Chief, Operations School

DATE: 20 July 1955

FROM : Chief Instructor, Clandestine Services Review

SUBJECT: Report on Clandestine Services Review No. 6

1. Clandestine Services Review No. 6 was run during the period 20 June - 8 July 1955. A total of 27 students attended the course, 22 from the DD/P and 5 from the DD/S. Of the total DD/P enrollment 14 students were case officers and 8 were field reports or desk officers.

2. The students again unanimously endorsed the course. Their critiques indicated that the course objectives were achieved and that the course was considered highly worthwhile and interesting. Although the course obviously can and will be improved on, I judge CSR No. 6 the best to date. The presentations were generally of high quality and there was noticeable improvement in several of the lectures criticized in CSR No. 5. This is especially true of the section of the course devoted to Planning, where the changes made for CSR No. 6 apparently led to the desired results. Administratively this course ran more smoothly than previous ones. This is partly due, no doubt, to the speakers being "conditioned" to appearing in the course, resulting in a minimum of last minute cancellations or tardiness. The student critiques, as a whole, reflected no major criticism of the course or of any of its parts. Attached are some statistics on the student evaluations of the speakers which were compiled from the weekly and final critiques.

3. I believe that the main weakness of the course lies in a few below average presentations. We will sharpen up on these by a more detailed briefing of the speakers, and, where that does not bring results, by changing the speakers. Since the course has been given in the Auditorium of [REDACTED] during CSR Nos. 5 and 6, we have had a seating capacity of 35 students. Up to now, however, the DD/P training officer has only been able to come up with a maximum of 27 students. He has promised to make an all out effort to schedule a full roster of 35 students for CSR No. 7. The new classroom, incidentally, is a great improvement over the old one. It is particularly well suited for running a course such as this.

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4. As a whole the critiques reflect an appreciation of the basic need which the course fills for the returnee. Several students commented that it would have taken them up to a year at Headquarters to gain the working knowledge of this organization which they acquired in the course. During the different runnings many students have also remarked that the course serves as a morale booster, since among other things it shows a genuine interest in the returnee and in his future development.


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Enclosures

1. Appendix "A"
2. Appendix "B"
3. Critiques of the Course
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